

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Initially Applicant wishes to acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter of independent claims 1 and 21 and the claims which depend therefrom as set forth on Page 3, paragraph No. 5 of the examiner's action.

Applicant by the instant amendment has cancelled claims 18, 19, 30, 31, 35 and 39 thereby rendering the examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) moot.

With regard to the examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to reconsider this rejection for the reasons set forth hereinbelow.

The examiner in rejecting claims 1 and 21 indicates that it is unclear what structure would prevent adhesive from entering the "recessed portion". Both independent claims 1 and 21 set forth the phrase "without entering said recessed portion". Applicant wishes to point out that since there is no capillarity between the lid member and the recessed portion, the adhesive or filler does not enter the recessed portion. Thus, claim 1 sets forth that the adhesive permeates between the plate member and the lid member around the recessed portion due to capillarity. However there is no capillarity which allows the adhesive to enter the recessed portion. Thus, claim 1 sets forth the phrase "...adhesive which permeates between said plate and said lid member around said recessed portion due to capillarity without entering said recessed portion...". Thus, capillarity does not allow adhesive to enter the recessed portion. It is believed that claim 1 as well as claim 21 are definite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and, therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and


21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and issue a formal Notice of Allowance.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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